

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 20, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 5, 3/13/2017; HB 6, 3/13/2017; HB 7, 3/13/2017

00:01:11 Chair Ballance

[EXHIBIT\(aph57a01\)](#)

Introduction of Infrastructure Bills:

00:03:26 Rep. Cuffe

00:06:49 Chair Ballance

00:07:02 Director Dan Villa, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

HEARING ON HB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:01 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations.

00:10:41 Chair Ballance

00:11:15 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:12:36 Rep. Cuffe

[EXHIBIT\(aph57a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:12 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

[EXHIBIT\(aph57a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:54 Rep. Cuffe

00:17:37 Rep. Holmlund

00:18:39 Director Martha Williams, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:19:18 Chair Ballance

00:19:31 Director Williams, FWP

00:19:40 Ken MacDonald, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:20:35 Rep. Holmlund

00:20:49 Ken MacDonald, FWP

00:21:02 Rep. Burnett

00:21:28 Rep. Cuffe

00:21:49 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:22:17 Rep. Woods

00:22:48 Director Williams, FWP

00:23:01 Dustin Temple, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:23:40 Rep. Woods

00:23:47 Dustin Temple, FWP

00:24:00 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:24:13 Dustin Temple, FWP

00:24:23 Rep. Glimm

00:24:54 Cathy Duncan, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:07 Rep. Keane

00:27:14 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
[EXHIBIT\(aph57a04\)](#)

00:27:41 Chair Ballance

00:27:54 Rep. Patelis

00:28:29 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

00:29:01 Rep. Patelis

00:29:06 Rep. Cuffe

00:29:17 Chair Ballance

00:30:03 Rep. Patelis

00:30:08 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

00:30:14 Chair Ballance

00:30:47 Rep. Hamlett

00:33:23 Ken MacDonald, FWP

00:34:10 Rep. Cuffe

00:34:45 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 6**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:28 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.

[EXHIBIT\(aph57a05\)](#)

00:36:35 Rep. Cuffe

00:38:13 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(aph57a06\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(aph57a07\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(aph57a08\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(aph57a09\)](#)

00:44:41 Chair Ballance

00:44:52 Rep. Ellis

00:45:31 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:47:33 Rep. Jones

00:48:30 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:49:21 Chair Ballance

00:49:35 Rep. Burnett

00:50:15 Rep. Cuffe

00:50:36 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

00:51:00 Chair Ballance

00:51:27 Rep. Cook

00:51:48 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

00:52:08 Rep. Cook

00:52:16 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

00:53:00 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:19 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:50 Rep. Cook

00:56:51 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:11 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:22 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 7, Reclamation and development grants.

[EXHIBIT\(aph57a10\)](#)

00:59:10 Rep. Cuffe

01:02:14 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(aph57a11\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:51 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:28 Rep. Ellis

01:03:58 Cathy Duncan, LFD

01:04:28 Rep. Glimm

01:05:22 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

01:05:47 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:06:56 Chair Ballance

01:06:57 Rep. Glimm

01:07:20 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

01:07:24 Chair Ballance

01:07:45 Rep. Hopkins

01:08:03 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:43 Rep. Keane

Committee Business:

01:09:42 Chair Ballance
01:11:13 Rep. Cuffe
01:11:18 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:11:39 Rep. Cuffe
01:11:55 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:12:10

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph57aad.pdf](#))